

International Baccalaureate and Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board

Ancaster High School
Westdale Secondary School

Diploma Programme

curiosity

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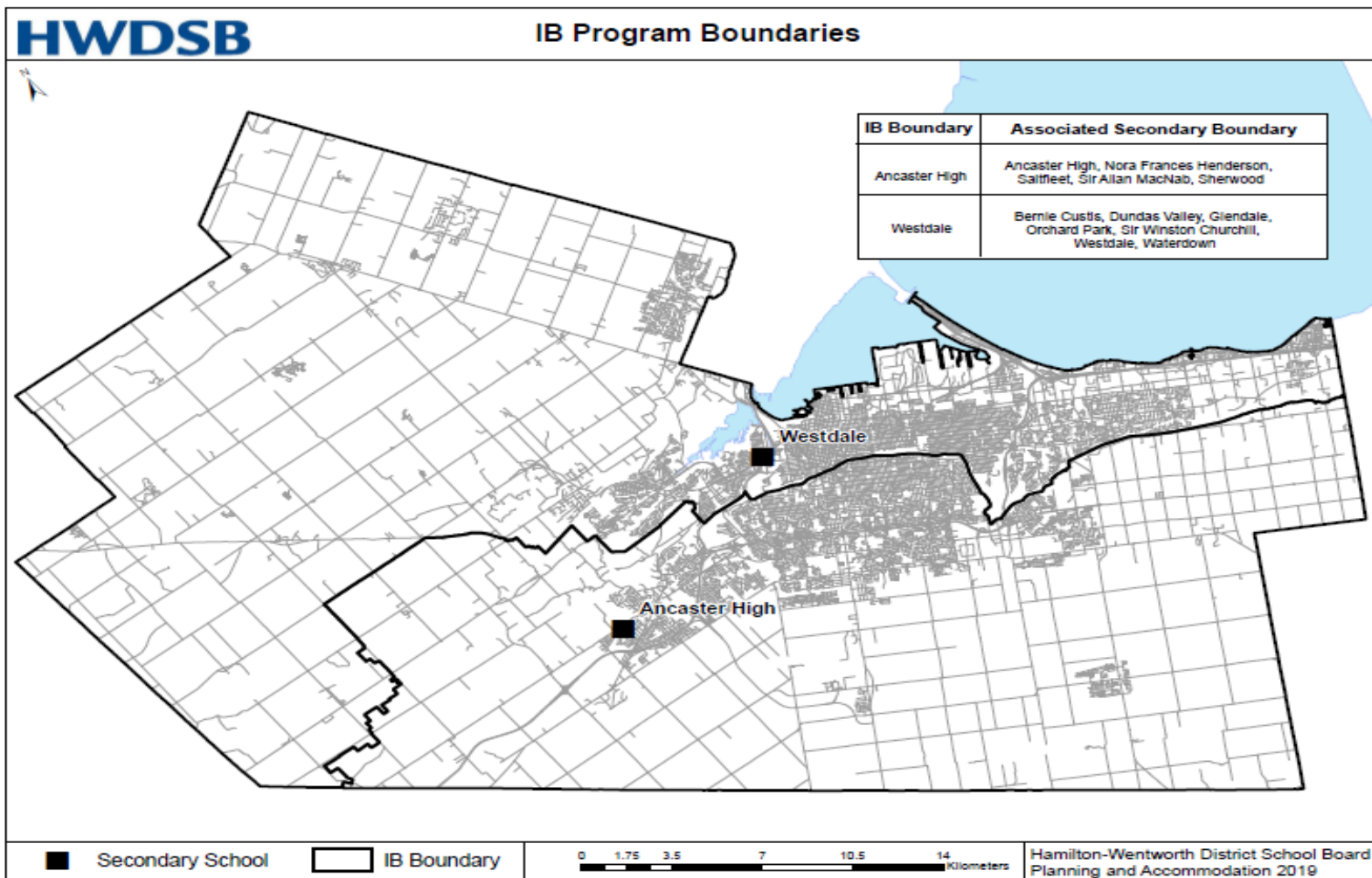
The History of IB and IB in Ontario

- The International Baccalaureate was founded in Geneva, Switzerland in 1968 (52 years!) as a non-profit educational foundation.
- There are more than 5000 IB schools in more than 150 countries.
- The Americas account for over 50% of the IB schools worldwide.
- There were 3020 Diploma schools that were evaluated May 2020
- 386 IB World Schools in Canada: 186 in the Diploma Programme.
- First Canadian School in 1974
- IB Diploma Pass Rates: World Average 79% (2020) and our schools typically are greater than the World Average.
- ~1600 Universities in Canada and USA recognize the IB Programme.

IB in the HWDSB

- Two Schools offer the IB Diploma Programme:
 - Ancaster Secondary School
 - Westdale Secondary School
- Students apply to the IB Program in the designated IB catchment boundary in January of their grade 10 year.
Basically: on the mountain; go to Ancaster, not on the mountain: go to Westdale. (Waterdown attends Westdale)
- Diploma Program offered only in grades 11 and 12.

IB School Catchment Boundaries



Organization: What is the IB mission?

The IB is a not-for-profit foundation, motivated by its educational mission, focused on the student.



The International Baccalaureate Organization aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

Programmes : What is the Learner Profile?

It's the IB mission statement translated into a set of learning outcomes for the 21st century.



IB learners strive to be:

Inquirers

Knowledgeable

Thinkers

Communicators

Principled

Open-minded

Caring

Risk-takers

Balanced

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University recognition: How well is the diploma recognized by universities?

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- **On Oct 29, 2020 from University of Oxford**
- “Evidence from the University of Oxford finds International Baccalaureate (IB) students exhibit significantly stronger critical thinking skills than non-IB peers. In today’s rapidly changing world, schools seek ways to teach students skills needed for success beyond the classroom. Previous studies indicate that critical thinking skills are key determinants of individual and collective success, which is why these skills are sought after by students, parents, schools and universities.” More than 560 students from eight schools in Australia, England and Norway participated in this study...
- <https://www.ibo.org/news/news-list/new-research-finds-that-ib-students-appear-to-hold-an-advantage-when-it-comes-to-critical-thinking/>

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University of Alberta has on their Admissions pages:

- **We Love IB Students**
- We recognize your achievements in taking an academically rigorous program, and we want to see you continue your studies here at the University of Alberta.
- **You'll love it here**
- As a top-tiered, research-based institution, we provide the kind of academically focused environment in which IB students can thrive. From undergraduate research opportunities, to honors and certificate programs, to co-ops and internships, you can pursue your academic interests and find your passion here!

<https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions/undergraduate/resources/ib-students/index.html?>

Canadian University Admissions 2021

University	Program	IB Grades and Prerequisite	Ontario Grades and Prerequisite
McMaster	Health Sciences	Full IB Diploma passing all 6 with a minimum of 36, including points. Requests to receive advanced credit for HL with a minimum of 5. 18 units of advanced credit may occur.	OSSD and 6 4U/4M courses (SCH4U, SBI4U, ENG4U, MCV4U or other 4U math and one non-math, non-science, non tech). Min. 90% average and by selection (supp app).
Western	Health Sciences	Full IB Diploma with a minimum score of 28 (including points). No mark less than 4 in any IB course. HL Bio, Math, Chem if Honors Specialization. Transfer credits if Level 5 or more in HL courses.	OSSD and 6 4U/4M (no co-op), ENG4U, one 4U Math, 4U Bio. An average of high 80's to low 90's will be considered.

United States Universities/Colleges

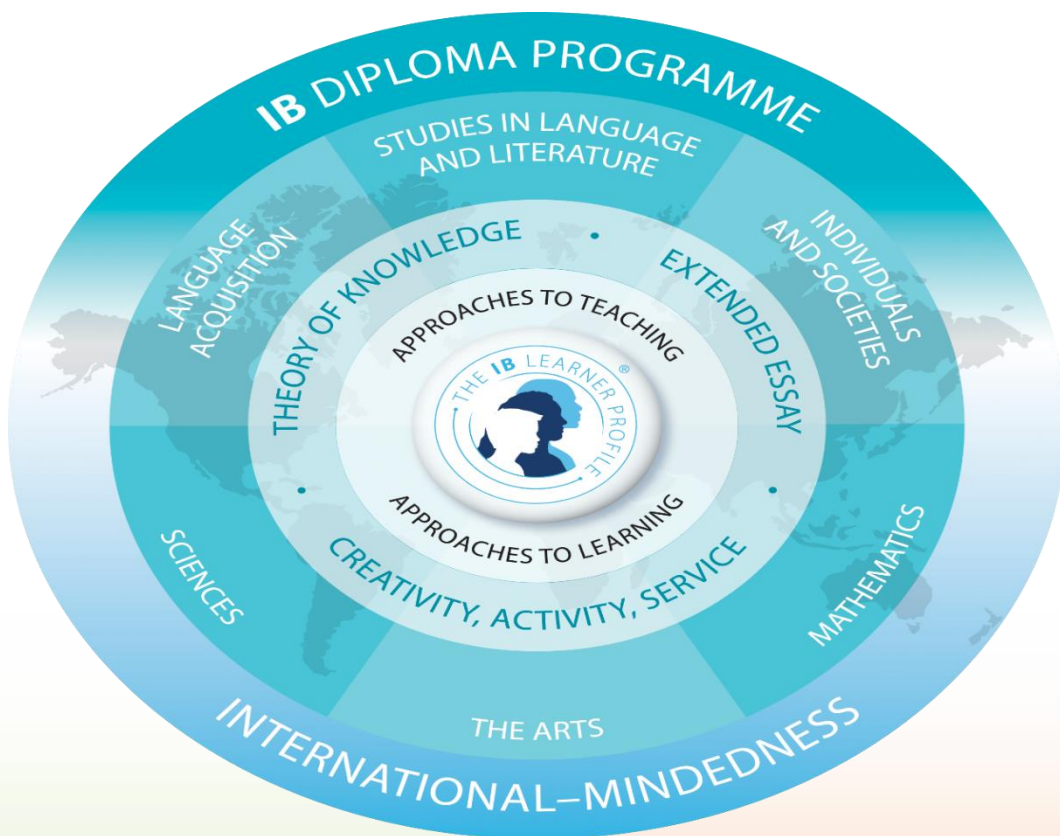
- Students usually apply with the Common Application – a central hub of collected references and letters for Universities to access when students apply to American post secondary institutions.
- Access this information through: **www.commonapp.org**
- Around 900 Colleges use this system.
- The **Common Application** also notifies you of upcoming deadlines.
- Some Universities/Colleges (~140 schools) use **The Coalition**, which is a similar site: **www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org**

Who is it for and what are the benefits?

- **Two Diplomas! OSSD and IB**
- **University Preparation Program**
 - Ongoing Studies are being published on the success rates of IB Students once they enter University
- **Internationally Written Curriculum**
 - Students receive a curriculum that connects them to a Global Education
- **Transferable to Many Countries and University Acceptance**
 - Internationally recognized and widely thought of as a quality controlled and dynamic curriculum (not just for students who plan to go Out of Province for University)
- **Transfer Credit**
 - Students can apply for University credit based on their results.
- **Scholarships**
 - Many Universities offer IB Scholarship money based on IB Final grades.

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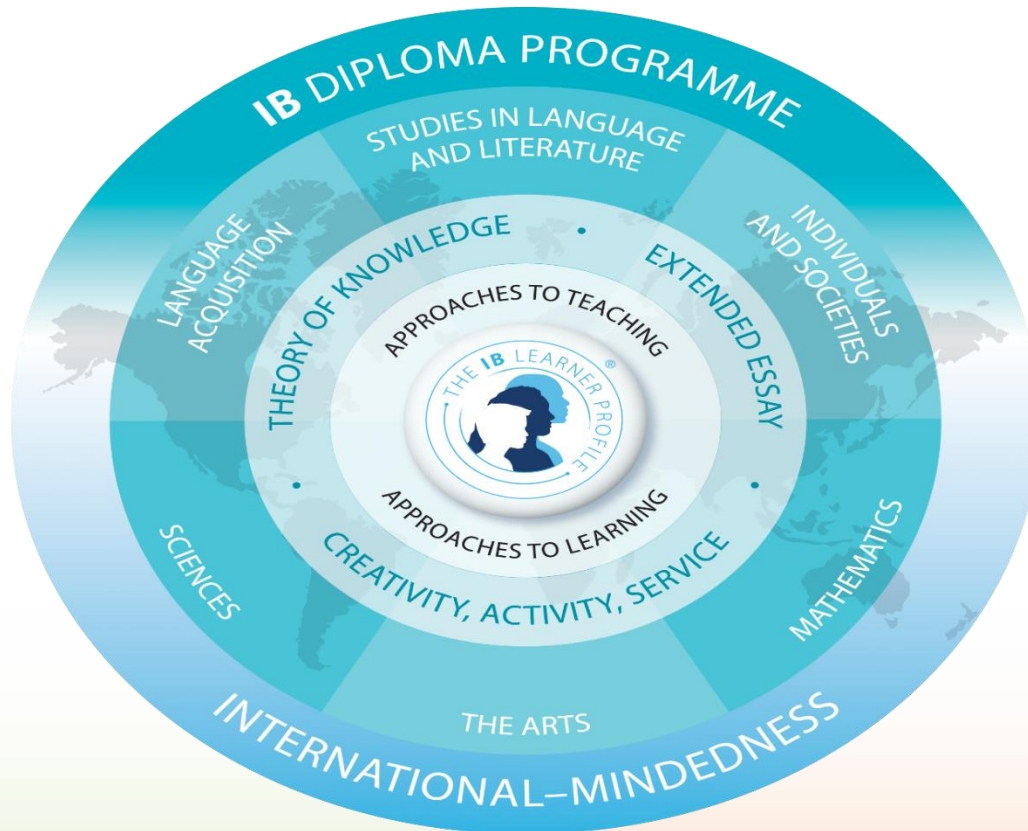
Students study over two years:

- **three** subjects at higher level (3 semesters/240 hours).
- **three** subjects at standard level (2 semesters/150 hours).
- all three parts of the core.

The IB Learner Profile and the core are central to the philosophy of the Diploma Programme.

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Group 1: English Language and Literature

Group 2: Language Acquisition: French or Spanish

Group 3: Individuals and Societies: Geography (Westdale) or History (Ancaster)

Group 4: Experimental Science – One of Biology or Chemistry

Group 5: Mathematics – Analysis and Approaches

Group 6: Arts – Visual Art or 2nd Science

The Core: Non-Classroom Components of the Diploma

All three components must be completed by students to earn the Diploma and students can earn up to **3 Bonus Points** towards their Diploma.

Theory of Knowledge – TOK students DO get an OSSD credit for this component (HZT4U1)

Extended Essay – EE - University prep with a 4000 word essay.

Creativity, Activity and Service – CAS Project with 7 Learning Outcomes.



Grade 9 and 10 Course Selection

Grade 9

English

French*

Geography*

Math*

Science*

Health & Physical Education

Elective

Arts Elective*

Grade 10

English

Math (10)

Science*

Math (11)

History*

French* or Spanish (9)

Careers & Civics*/Elective

Elective/Physics 11?

*offered in French at Westdale

What is special about IB assessment?

IB assessment is rigorous, criterion related, consistent and differentiating of student ability.

- Diploma Programme assessment includes both final examinations and internal assessment undertaken by the teacher using IB criteria and then externally moderated by the IB.
- Marks awarded for each course range from 1 (lowest) to 7 (highest).
- The maximum diploma score is 45 points including the 3 bonus points.
- Diploma is awarded to students who gain at least 24 points, complete the Core and get at least 12 points in their 3 HL courses (all must be 3 points or higher).

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- **Grade Level Descriptors developed for each subject**

In General:

- 7 Excellent performance**
- 6 Very good performance**
- 5 Good performance**
- 4 Satisfactory performance**
- 3 Mediocre performance**
- 2 Poor performance**
- 1 Very poor performance**

IB Diploma

- How can I get my IB Diploma in Grade 12?
 - 7 point marking scale
 - Pass each course (no marks of 1), 12 points in 3 HL courses
 - Receive a minimum of 24 Diploma Points
 - Complete the TOK and Extended Essay (pass both)
 - Complete CAS

Example:

Group 1 – Language	6
Group 2 - Second Language B	5
Group 3 - Individuals and Societies	7
Group 4 - Experimental Sciences	6
Group 5 - Mathematics	6
Group 6 - The Arts	5
Bonus TOK and EE (maximum 3)	3
IB Diploma Score	38

Ontario University Marks Conversion Scale

- Developed by Ontario Universities to ensure consistency around reporting of grades on the OSSD

IB Grade	OSSD % Range	MoE 4 Point Scale
7	97-100%	4++
6	93-96%	4+
5	84-92%	4
4	72-83%	3
3	61-71%	2
2	50-60%	1

Items to Consider as a Family:

- Is it right for YOUR child..IB Learner Profile?
- Work independently and in groups?
- What mechanisms are there to deal with pressures?
- Financial cost (see next slide)?
- Transportation and Travel Arrangements for your Child?
- Commitment to the programme including the Core of the Program (CAS, TOK, and the Extended Essay)?
- Complete Grade 11 Math!!

Cost of the Program

- Reasons for Program Fees
 - IB Schools, once authorized from IB, pay yearly fees to the IBO to be able to deliver their curriculum
 - Examinations Fees for registering students in IBIS (IBO computer system) and to sit for examinations
 - Courier Fees- All examinations must be sent for marking and moderation
 - Teacher Training – all IB teachers need to be trained (every 7 years) in an intensive 4 day workshop, locations all over North America.
 - IB resources: textbooks, study guides, lab materials

Program Fee Structure 2020-2021

Fees have been calculated on a cost recovery basis.

Semester Program Fees:

\$600.00 payable each semester in Grades 11 and 12 (total of 4 semesters) (Note: USD may cause changes in this fee – recently adjusted!)

Total for complete programme: \$2,400.00

Families with financial needs may apply for partial support.

Timeline for Applications

- Completed Applications due to school by January 15th, 2021
- Acceptance to the program communicated by individual school process near February 5, 2021 and option sheets sent home.
- Option sheets due by February 26, 2021
- Invitation sent to register in Managebac. Each school will have their own timelines as to how/when this registration will take place. (just before school starts, for example.)

The Application Package

- The following documents are required for submission by the application deadline:
 - Application package including demographic information, student response questions and parent response questions
 - Status Sheet if not currently a Westdale or Ancaster student
 - **Students coming from other provinces or countries need to be assessed by the Board at the Welcome Centre for prerequisite courses to give Prior Learning Equivalent Credits**

Student Panel

Current and Former
Ancaster and
Westdale IB Students

School Application Links

[Ancaster IB Programme Application](#)

[Westdale IB Programme Application](#)

Thank You!!

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